

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A sending computer system relays a message or a processing request through one or more configurable routers prior to the message or request reaching an ultimate destination. A client at the sending computer system can indicate a routing preference for the message or request, and a module can supplement or override the routing preference by adding or deleting a router from a router list contained within the message or request. This change can be done based on router data, as well as based on content within the message. One or more intermediate routers along the routing path can perform a similar function as the module. The ultimate destination, or receiving computer system, verifies that it is the appropriate recipient of the message or request, and then accepts the data associated with the message or request. This has application to many types of messaging systems, including simple object access protocols.

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